

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

**1. Retraction of Previous Arguments**

In light of *Hakim v. Canon Avent Group PLC*, 479 F.3d 313, 81 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1900 (Fed. Cir. 2007), Assignee retracts and expressly disavows all arguments made in all related pending and expired applications.

**2. Claim Amendments**

In order the advance prosecution, Assignee has chosen to amend selected claims. Support for these amendments may be found, among other places, in figures 5 and 6, as well as the discussion thereof.

However, Assignee continues to believe that the previously pending claims are patentable. Therefore, Assignee expressly reserves the right to present the previously pending claims in the future.

In light of the mootness of the previous rejections, Assignee hereby expressly retracts its previous arguments with respect to the previously presented claims in accordance with *Hakim v. Canon Avent Group PLC*, 479 F.3d 313, 81 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1900 (Fed. Cir. 2007).

**3. New Claims 24-28**

New claims 24-28 are presented herein to more particularly point and distinctly claim certain aspects of the disclosed inventions. Support for these claims may be found, among other places, in figures 5 and 6, as well as the discussion thereof.

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**5. CONCLUSION**

Claims 1-15, 19, 20, and 24-28 are pending in this application. Assignee submits that each claim is patentable. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge to deposit account 121322/0021906.023US any other fees necessary to make this and related papers, if any, timely and effective.

Assignee thanks the Examiner for her consideration and effort on this file. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, the Examiner is invited to telephone or email the undersigned.

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